

PEACE MISSION SETS OUT.

National Civic Federation Members Leave Pittsburgh.

A Proposition to the Steel Trust Looking to the Resumption of Negotiations Agreed to by Shaffer. The Result of the Late Conference.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 25.—The Amalgamated Association officials have consented to have certain propositions made to the officials of the United States Steel Corporation through the Conciliatory Committee of the National Civic Federation. These propositions are expected to bring about a settlement of the great steel strike. Some of those interested were waiting today for the word to proceed with the propositions which were practically approved at the conference of the Civic Federation representatives and officials of the Amalgamated Association last week.

The propositions, which are to be carried to New York, and which consist of offers of certain concessions by the Amalgamated officials, are to pave the way for the re-opening of direct negotiations between the Amalgamated officials and those of the Steel Trust. The offers carry much of the terms under which President Shaffer and his advisers stand willing to settle the strike. What these terms are, and the programme for presenting them to the Steel Corporation officials, are secrets carefully guarded. It is implied that they contain concessions of such importance that it is thought the Steel Trust officials will change their attitude and re-open negotiations, with reasonable prospects of reaching a settlement.

The plan was evolved at the conference of the Amalgamated officials on Friday and Saturday, with John Mitchell, President of the United Mine Workers of America, H. M. Enley, Secretary of the National Civic Federation; Henry M. White, Secretary of the Garment Makers of America, and Prof. Jenks, of Cornell University, and corporation officials, all of these men are also members of the Conciliatory Committee and Executive Committee of the National Civic Federation, as is also President of the Amalgamated Association.

The meetings of those two days laid for their object the arrangement of preliminary plans for approaching the Steel Trust officials with a proposition to bring about a settlement of the strike. The members of the Conciliatory Committee of the Civic Federation came as advisers. Decisions growing out of this counseling were practically with the Amalgamated president, who, of course, was aided by his own advisers.

While some of those interested are confident that the proposition will meet the approval of the United States Steel Corporation officials, there is no assurance known to have been given by the corporation's side that such is the case.

The whole matter may go the way of the other efforts at peace. However, the plan is to re-open direct negotiations for a settlement on a basis more favorable to the Amalgamated side.

The proposition to the Steel Trust is being looked to with interest by the Amalgamated men.

Henry M. White and Ralph M. Easley went to New York tonight. They had waited until tonight for the word to hear from John Mitchell and Prof. Jenks, who went to Chicago on Friday to meet Judge E. H. Campbell, President of the United States Steel Corporation. Easley and White said they were not carrying a peace proposition to New York.

It is easy enough to talk of peace. Terms may be arranged by one side of the strike, but then remains the task of reconciling the conflicting sides. The matters at issue have become very much involved, and no easy matter to arrange a settlement.

Mr. White said: "The inference is correct that our plan is to re-open direct negotiations with Mr. Shaffer looking forward to a settlement. I cannot tell what conclusions were reached, nor whether the proposition is. That would be a violation of confidence."

Both the departing peace-makers said that they did not expect President Shaffer to join them at a suburban station. Secretary John Mitchell, however, was absent from his home in the West End tonight. Several days are expected to elapse before the peace negotiators either take tangible shape or collapse.

ANGERED AT MAYOR BLACK.

Business Men Incensed by His Swearing in Strikers.

McKEESPORT, Pa., Aug. 25.—Twenty-five extra policemen, of whom twenty were armed with clubs, were on duty about Black last night, are on duty about the United States Tin Plate Works tonight. The mill is expected to start in the morning, although there are no new men in sight yet. The strike police are expected to furnish protection to any strike-breakers, who may be brought into the plant tonight.

McKeesport is greatly excited over the situation, although few believe that a real attempt to start the tin plate mill is intended. The arrests of strangers suspected of applying for work continues. Several more were gathered in today, but the police refuse to give out any information.

The business men who discussed the calling of a meeting to consider the attitude of the mayor are greatly wrought up over his action in swearing in strikers after the statement he made yesterday, in which he receded from his original position. The merchants contend that the mayor is using the present serious condition which confronts the city to build up a political boom for himself.

Immediately after his first statement, in which he refused protection to the property of the United States Steel Corporation, and to any imported workmen, an overzealous friend proposed his name as a candidate for re-election. The mayor was pleased with the idea. John Dail is the present incumbent from this district and a candidate for re-election next year. The mayor is accused of working the strikers for their support for this nomination.

The business men are now more determined than ever to call a meeting to consider the mayor's action, and one may be called about Wednesday.

HOMING PIGEONS RELEASED.

Thirteen Hundred Birds Set Free at Petersburg, Va.

PETERSBURG, Va., Aug. 25.—The American Homing Club and the Columbia Flying Club, of Baltimore, shipped here yesterday 1,300 pigeons to O. C. Woodward, agent of the Southern Express Company, to be turned loose to test the speed of the birds of the two clubs.

They were liberated this morning on a large crowd. Those of the American Club were set free at 10:15 o'clock and those of the Columbia Club at 10:30. A \$50 silver cup is the prize for the winning bird.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K. Business, shorthand, typewriting—\$25 a year. Boards, \$1.25. Best Boards, \$1.25 per 100 sq. ft., by Frank Libbey & Co.

EARL RUSSELL'S CONDITION.

His Wife Declines the Physicians Did Not Examine Him.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The petition for the release of Earl Russell, who was recently sentenced for bigamy, was signed by 800 men and women, and in addition there was presented to the Home Secretary a statement signed by three doctors, favoring the release of the prisoner on the ground that his imprisonment was injuring his health.

Molly Cook, the woman he married in the United States, which marriage led to his trial and conviction by the House of Lords, has written to the newspapers saying that the Home Secretary in refusing to grant the petition for the earl's release, said that there was nothing in the present state of his health to justify his pardon. The letter of the "Countess," which is long and reproachful, accuses the Government doctors of merely gazing at the earl for a few minutes outside of the prisoner's room. She says that they did not take his temperature or pulse, the proceeds.

"I have discovered that the sentence was all cut and dried before the trial. The governor of the jail was instructed as to the time when he was to come to the prison, and the prisoner was to be given a room had previously been prepared for him in the jail. The trial was so hurried that no extenuating evidence could be forthcoming. Some of the lords have complained about the prisoner's conduct, which, if the Government had allowed us time to produce, would have given the noble lords courage to say one word in favor of a man who is persecuted because he preferred a wife to a mistress."

CALLS HIS PICTURE GENUINE.

An Englishman Claims to Have the Real Stolen Gainsborough.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The "Express" prints a story to the effect that a lodging-house keeper at Brompton, named Dawson, has got what he claims is the real Gainsborough painting of the Duchess of Devonshire, which was stolen years ago from the Agnews.

Dawson's story is not convincing.

PRINCE CHUN IN BASLE.

The Chinese Emperor's Brother to Recreminate in Switzerland.

BASEL, Switzerland, Aug. 25.—Prince Chun and the other members of the Chinese expeditionary mission, arrived here this evening from Geneva.

Prince Chun is not well and will remain here several days before proceeding to Berlin to investigate the murder of Baron von Kettler, the German Minister to China, who was killed at the outbreak of the Boxer troubles.

Prince Chun, who is a youth of eighteen years, has fifty-six Chinese in his suite.

TELEGRAPH LINES DESTROYED.

British Communications in South Africa Cut by the Boers.

CAPE TOWN, Aug. 25.—The Boers have been destroying the telegraphs. Many of the main lines in the Cape Colony and Natal have been cut.

General De Wet is reported to be at Zastron collecting a force which will include Porters' and Kritzinger's commands.

At Burgersdorp 27 second-class rebels have been disfranchised.

DELAKEY MAKES REPLY.

A Counter Proclamation Issued to the Boer Army.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—General Kitchener, under date of yesterday, telegraphs from Pretoria to the War Office as follows:

"De la Rey has issued a counter proclamation, advising the Boers to return to their homes, and stating that they will continue the struggle." KITCHENER.

AN HONOR FOR VON BUELOW.

The Czar Asks His Presence at the Royal Meeting.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The "North German Gazette" announces that Chancellor von Buelow will, according to the Czar's wishes, be present at the meeting of Emperor William and the Czar.

CHINA COMPLIES READILY.

The Importation of Arms to Be Prohibited at Once.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A despatch to the "Times" from Peking says that Li Hung Chang informed a dozen diplomats on Sunday that edicts in reference to the supplementary laws of punishment and suspension of examinations had been sent from Sigan-fu by Government couriers and were expected to arrive at Peking next Wednesday.

He further said that an edict prohibiting the importation of arms would be telegraphed immediately.

A MORMON TO BE EXPELLED.

The Arrest of a Missionary in Hungary Reported.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A despatch to the "Morning Leader" from Vienna says that Matthew Hackey, a Mormon missionary from Salt Lake City, has been arrested at Teinevar, Hungary, for seeking to make converts. He will be expelled from the country.

JAPAN'S FORMAL PROTEST.

Complaint Made of the Hawaiian Medical Inspection.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A despatch to the "Times" from Tokyo says that Japan has lodged a protest at Washington concerning the medical inspection by the United States quarantine officials of Japanese subjects arriving at Hawaii, declaring that the discrimination against the Japanese is incompatible with the friendly interest of the two peoples.

MANY FIRES IN RUSSIA.

Jew Baiting Follows the Outbreak of Conflagrations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 25.—Fires that have been unprecedented for their vastness have swept over the provinces during the summer, causing damage that is estimated to amount to \$5,000,000.

A quarter of a million of acres of timber in the imperial forests have been destroyed in two months. The town of Penza, capital of the Government of the same name, which had 50,000 inhabitants, has been practically wiped out. The people fled and slept in the fields and empty railway cars.

There was suspicion that the fires were caused by Jewish incendiaries, and there has been considerable Jew baiting in consequence. The districts afflicted comprise 337 villages.

\$3.50 Labor Day Excursion \$3.50.

To "Old Point," Norfolk, Va., Beach, Ocean View, and Newport News, via Norfolk and Washington steamer, Saturday, 6:30 p. m. Round trip, \$3.50.

All one width Boards, \$1.25; 8 inches and best, at 6th and New York ave.

A MOB'S FIERY VENGEANCE.

Tennessee Farmers Burn a Negro Prisoner at the Stake.

A Court Officer Plends in Vain With the Lyncher. A Possibility Had Been in Search of the Man Since Friday Last.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 25.—Hear Notes, colored, was burned at the stake this afternoon at Winchester, Tenn., for assaulting and murdering Mrs. Charles Williams, the wife of a prominent farmer of Franklin County.

The crime was committed last Friday, since which time a posse had been in pursuit of the negro. He had been in hiding in the woods, and it was not until this morning that he was captured. He was arrested at Cowan, Tenn., about fifty miles from Winchester, and was immediately taken to that place by the officers who captured him and lodged in jail.

The sheriff fearing trouble began making preparations to protect the prisoner, and it was estimated that 100,000 bricks fell into the street with the fall of the wall. The Mother Superior of the Dominican convent, which is building part of the wall for the standing at a front window and had a good chance to observe the mob's antics.

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AFTERMATH OF THE STORM.

Strange Sights Witnessed During the Tornado in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The tornado which tore through Jersey City and Hoboken yesterday afternoon was probably the most active meteorological exhibition which has been seen around since the tornado which wrecked the village of Woodhaven on Long Island. The weather, wise say that the cause of such outbreaks is the sudden invasion of the hot air of air by a cold current, or the reverse, and that this trouble-breeding preliminary occurred some where out at sea.

From the top of a high building in Jersey City today the path of the storm could be traced plainly. It was just one city block wide. The building which suffered most seriously was St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, which had its steeple blown away. The building inspectors looked over it, they found it in the rear and side walls which will probably mean that the building will have to be torn down. The church cost \$125,000.

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EXTENT OF THE SMUGGLING.

Secret Service Men Probing the Admission of Chinese.

Many Hundreds of Celestials May Have Been Allowed to Enter Over the Mexican Border—Sensation Caused by the Arrests of Officials.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 25.—The greatest sensation that has been known in the Southwest in many years culminated yesterday in the arrest here of William M. Hoey, customs collector at Nogales, and at Tucson of B. F. Josey, Chinese inspector, charged with implication in a scheme for smuggling Chinese from Mexico into the United States.

For a long time it has been known that Secret Service men, under orders of the Treasury Department, were investigating the wholesale smuggling of Celestials, but Hoey and Josey apparently have been most active in efforts to stop the practice. It is charged that they had an arrangement with several Chinamen to let contraband Celestials come over the border at a rate ranging from \$20 to \$30.

The highest price, it is alleged, was paid for girls, who were procured for sale to wealthy Chinamen and for immoral purposes. Many of these girls had been brought over by the Chinese by men who became rich in the traffic, which is practically no less than slave trade.

Several girls had been discovered recently and deported, but it is believed that hundreds of them have been brought in secretly. It has been a comparatively easy matter to smuggle Chinese through the rough, mountainous district along the border, and probably many thousands of them have crossed the frontier.

Hoey is about thirty-two years of age, and is a native of Mexico, and, where until two years ago he was inspector of the Midland Steel Works, and prominent in politics.

Hoey is said to have been a protégé of Perry S. Heath, Assistant Postmaster General. At the time of his appointment he was a steel worker and a labor leader of some prominence among the members of his trade. When he was selected for the position he came to Washington and received some special instruction from Secretary Hoey, who endeavored to impress him with the responsibility which was placed on his hands, and the necessity of an honest administration of his office.